identified, out of which 1.92 lakh were provided safe drinking water during the Sixth Five Year Plan. The balance spilled over to the Seventh Five Year Plan. In the 1985 survey fresh problem villages were identified. As on 1-4-85, there were 1,61,722 identified problem villages including those which spilled over from Sixth Plan. Upto 31-5-1992, 1,58,862 problem Villages have been provided safe drinking water leaving 2860 to be covered by 31-3-93.

Construction of Wells unded Jawahar Rozgar Yojana

847. SHRI VISHWASRAO RAMRAO PATIL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Maharashtra have requested the Central Government for construction of wells under the Jawahar Rozgar Yojana in such areas where there are vast area of agricultural land; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY) has a sub-scheme called Million Wells Scheme (MWS) which has the objective of providing open irrigation wells free of cost to poor, small and marginal farmers belonging to SCs|STs and freed bonded labourers. 20 per cent of the resources allocated for JRY are earmarked for MWS. The State Governments allocate MWS resources to the districts with reference to the area of unirrigated agricultural land with potential for well irrigation held by SCs|STs.

During the current financial year (1992-93), an amount of Rs. 3187.33 lakhs has already been released to the Government of Maharashtra on 1-4-1992 for Million Wells Scheme. The State Government has already allocated this amount, along with its matching share of Rs. 796.83 lakhs, to tre needy districts.

Development of Permanent Means of Employment in Rajasthan

848. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a project at an estimated cost of Rs. 194.85 crores has been submitted to Central Government by Rajasthan Government for the development of permanent means of employment under non-farm sector of chronically drought affected districts of Rajasthan;

(b) whether the Chief Minister of Rajasthan vide his letter No. F. 8(1)/Agri.-SS|Gr. 9|88 dated 20th January, 1992 requested the Prime Minister for an early clearance of the above mentioned Project; and

(c) if so, by when Government are likely to give clearance and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Distribution of Land

849. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total land distributed as against the land acquired by the State Governments under various land reforms till the end of 1991 and from the beginning of 1992 till date;

(b) the State-wise percentage of the land distribution is actually in possession of the beneficiaries and what are the reasons for delay in handing over the possession of land to the remaining beneficiaries; and

(c) what steps have been taken by Government so far to expedite im-